

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal activity in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 9, 2017 to March 6, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing a Joint Permit Application submitted by the City of Virginia Beach (applicant) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (Public Law 95-217) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from the Gills Cove Special Service District (SSD) Dredging Project in the City of Virginia Beach. At the request of the Gills Cove waterfront homeowners (applicant), the City of Virginia Beach, has developed a partnership between the City and waterfront homeowners to create a Special Service District (SSD) to carry out a neighborhood dredging project in the Gills Cove Channel, a tributary of the Eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven River, to allow residents to recapture their access to navigable channels and to attenuate for the siltation. The City of Virginia Beach is proposing to dredge navigation channels and homeowner driveway channels in and adjacent to the Gills Cove Channel. Channel dredging will be accomplished by a barge mounted mechanical excavator, with the dredge material being loaded onto barges and transported to a transfer site. The temporary transfer site will be located at 3116 Yeates Lane. Dredged material will be loaded into watertight trucks and transported for disposal at the City owned Whitehurst Borrow Pit. The applicant has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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